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Francis and Bellevue Streets (Longwood), Boston

Report No. 41

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THE BALCONY SEEN FROM THE STREET

THE CHANNING HOME.

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THE DIRECTORS of the CHANNING HOME submit the following Report for the year ending March 31, 1909.

The Home was first opened in Channing Street in May, 1857, by MISS HARRIET RYAN (afterward MRS. JOHN ALBEE), and in March, 1858, was moved to No. 13 South Street. From this site it was moved, on May 1, 1870, to No. 30 McLean Street, and again on October 31, 1907, to the corner of Bellevue and Francis Streets (Longwood), Boston.

The institution has thus completed more than a half century of existence and was the first of its kind to be established in this country. It has already given a comfortable home to twelve hundred indigent women, of whom nearly four fifths have been victims of consumption in its advanced stages. The care of such patients is a serious problem in Boston, where there are at least four thousand cases of consumption in its contagious stage, for whom less than three hundred beds are provided by municipal and private charity. Many of these patients must be turned away from hospitals as ineligible and remain a menace to everyone with whom they come in contact. In isolating so many patients with advanced pulmonary tuberculosis, the Channing Home has performed an invaluable work in checking the spread of the disease, by protecting the home and the public from

infection, and in relieving the wage-earners of the family from the burden of a long and expensive illness.

In view of the pressing need in the community for the isolation of poor patients with pulmonary tuberculosis in its more advanced stages, it is the purpose of the Directors to devote the resources of the Home more exclusively than formerly to such cases. In view also of the provision by the city and the state of public institutions for the care of tuberculous patients, without regard to their previous social condition, it is felt that this Home can fill a special place in the community by the admission of those whose former associations would make life in a pauper institution an added trial in their affliction. All patients are treated free of charge.

The arrangement of the new building has proved most satisfactory. In the main wing, the two wards, each with ten beds, receive an abundance of fresh air and sunlight. The wide verandas are constantly in use and make it possible for patients to sleep outdoors. The quiet neighborhood and the pleasing prospect across the Fenway are a striking contrast to the surroundings of the former location of the Home.

At the end of the last year, March 31, 1908, there were twenty-two patients in the Home. Since that time thirty-three have been admitted. Two patients, still in the Home, are suffering from bronchiectasis, a third from arthritis deformans. The remaining fifty-two patients suffered from pulmonary tuberculosis, and may be classed according to the stage of their disease on admission, as follows :

Incipient	7 cases.
Moderately advanced	3 „
Far advanced	42 „

APPEAL FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For many years a large number of annual subscriptions contributed to the support of the Channing Home. As other sources of income became sufficient in the old building on McLean Street, these were later discontinued.

In its new quarters at Longwood, the Home is far better able to care for a larger number of patients, but the added cost of maintenance leaves an annual deficit of about \$800.00. An urgent appeal is therefore made to the friends of the Home for annual subscriptions of \$5.00 and upwards.

Contributions will be gratefully acknowledged by
Hon. James P. Parmenter.

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Amount of subscription to the Channing Home \$.....

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Checks may be made payable to the Hon. James P.
Parmenter, Court House, Boston.

An apparent arrest of the disease has been obtained under treatment in six of the incipient and two of the moderately advanced cases. There has been an improvement of the condition in one incipient, one moderately advanced, and six far advanced cases. In the remaining thirty-six cases there has been no improvement.

There are eighteen tuberculous patients now in the Home and thirty-four have been discharged during the year. Of those discharged, one was not treated. In five cases, the disease was apparently arrested, in four the condition was improved, in nine it was unimproved and fifteen patients died.

It will be a gratification to those who have contributed so generously to the building fund for the new Home to know that the total number of fifty-five patients treated during the year exceeds by forty-one per cent the average number of thirty-nine, treated annually for the ten years preceding the removal of the Home from its old quarters. The efficiency of the work now accomplished is far greater than that which was possible in the old Home. To those patients who are capable of recovery, it can now offer the hope of cure, but it is especially in its educational and protective influence over the community that its most important work is done. It not only isolates consumptives in the most contagious stage of their disease, but by a course of strict training, can now instruct its patients in the sources of danger to others. The observance of proper precautions by the patients diminishes the chances of infection from those who leave the institution, and is a useful example to the numerous relatives and friends who visit the Home. In a number of instances, the necessity for medical investigation of members of the patients' families has been successfully urged.

Among other improvements during the year gutters and drains have been installed, the grounds have been graded and awnings fitted for the upper veranda.

The Director's room has been furnished, a large part of the expense of which was generously borne by Mrs. Charles P. Curtis and Mrs. William R. Mercer.

Miss Sarah E. Read, whose cheerful interest and substantial assistance have been a constant encouragement and support to the Home, has recently remodeled the veranda beside the ward which bears her name. A roof and side walls, with detachable windows, have been built about this veranda, thus making it more available for fresh air treatment in all kinds of weather and by night as well as by day.

The Directors wish to thank the Young Men's Christian Union for carriage rides during the warm season, the Boston Flower Mission and the Faith and Hope Association for many special favors and other acts of kindness, Dr. John Dixwell for furnishing music and flowers on different occasions and the Herford Club of Arlington Street Church for a concert. They wish also to acknowledge the kind services rendered at all times by the physicians and their assistants, as well as by the matron and the nurse.

The Directors wish also to express their obligations to Mrs. S. Parkman Blake, Mrs. Charles P. Curtis, Mrs. J. Randolph Coolidge, Miss Emma F. Cary, Miss Mary Lord Clark, Mrs. C. C. Chadwick, Dr. John Dixwell, Mrs. Julian de Cordova, Herford Club, Mrs. J. S. Howe, Mrs. R. G. Hopkins, Miss M. V. Iasigi, Mrs. Henry P. King, Mr. James M. Little, Miss A. P. Loring, Mrs. George G. Lowell, Mrs. A. Lawrence Lowell, Miss Georgiana Lowell, Mrs. E. Roscoe Mathews, Mrs. Wm.



PATIENTS ON THE VERANDA

McCarthy, Miss Sarah E. Read, Miss Katherine Rogers, Mrs. John G. Coolidge, Mrs. Frederick Stone, Mrs. C. T. White, Miss Teresa W. White, Rev. Daniel Waldron, who have sent furnishings and fruits, flowers, and other delicacies to the Home, and to a friend, \$7.00 for dentistry through Dr. H. P. Greeley. The accompanying photographs were contributed by Dr. W. H. Smith.

The Home is in urgent need of further financial assistance to complete and enlarge the important work it has undertaken. It was hoped that the present income would cover the increased cost of living, a trained nurse and additional attendants in the new building. As shown in the Treasurer's Report, however, the expenses for the past year have exceeded the income by about eight hundred dollars. This deficit has been met out of an accumulated balance from previous years of about forty-five hundred dollars. A number of friends of the Home, whose names will be found on page 8, have signified their good-will by becoming annual subscribers, and it is hoped that this list may be largely extended. Donations and bequests are also earnestly solicited to meet the larger expense of the new Home. The Charles Pelham Curtis ward is still furnished with old fashioned beds and wooden tables, brought from the old Home. These should be replaced by modern hospital beds and metal tables with glass tops.

The friends of the Home are invited to visit the institution and see for themselves the plan on which it is conducted. Any gifts may be sent to the Treasurer, Hon. James P. Parmenter, Suffolk Court House, or to the Home.

SAMUEL A. GREEN,
President.

BOSTON, April 7, 1909.



THE INTERIOR OF THE UPPER WARD

THE CHANNING HOME, *in account with*JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer.**March 31, 1908, to March 31, 1909.*

DR.

Balance from last Account	.	.	.	.	.	\$4,677.64
Interest on Mortgages	.	.	.	.	.	625.00
Interest on Bonds	.	.	.	.	.	3,190.00
Dividends on Stocks	.	.	.	.	.	2,905.00
Trustees of E. V. Ashton Estate	.	.	.	.	.	1,600.00
R. B. Brigham Estate, Annuity	.	.	.	.	.	1,000.00
Gifts and Subscriptions	.	.	.	.	.	120.00
Interest on Deposit in City Trust Company	.	.	.	.	.	183.81
						<u>\$14,301.45</u>

CR.

Ordinary expenses of Home	.	.	\$10,373.10
Sundries	.	.	120.24
Balance to next Account	.	.	3,808.11
			<u>\$14,301.45</u>

JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer.*

April 14, 1909.

Examined and approved,

A. COOLIDGE, JR., *Auditor.*

NEW BUILDING ACCOUNT.

THE CHANNING HOME, *in account with*JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer.**March 31, 1908, to March 31, 1909.*

DR.

Balance from last Account	\$2,408.50
Balance from Mrs. C. P. Curtis	100.00
Balance from Mrs. Wm. R. Mercer	25.00
	\$2,533.50

CR.

Whitcomb & Kavanaugh, general contract	\$701.59
S. D. Hicks & Son, gutters	201.00
A. H. Bailey, window-box	5.31
Thos. J. Kelly, drains	90.00
Kendall, Taylor & Co., architects	747.82
James Quinn, grading, etc.	115.00
Shepard Norwell Company, awnings	125.00
Shepard Norwell Company, curtains	20.85
Shepard Norwell Company, rug	24.75
Paine Furniture Company, table	19.50
Jordan Marsh Company, chairs	80.25
Balance next Account	402.43
	\$2,533.50

JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer.*

Examined and approved April 13, 1909.

A. COOLIDGE, JR., *Auditor.*

